

Unwrapping the real Christmas story

The small family huddled around the fire, weaving wreaths for their annual celebration of worship. Father began hanging mistletoe, along with holly berries, and mother proceeded to light candles. All their neighbors in their little village were doing the same. Although it was an exciting time of year for the children—they loved decorating the trees and giving and receiving presents—their celebrations were mixed with fear. The days were getting shorter and shorter. And it was so cold all the time. Food was scarce. Would they ever see the sun again? Would they have enough food to survive the long winter? The people were hoping that their offerings to their deity would cause him to bring back the warmth, light, and food of spring.

Does the story above sound similar to Christmas? Yes, it does! And this is exactly what was occurring thousands of years ago, even before Yahshua Messiah was born. The people were not worshipping Yahweh. They were worshipping Mithras, a pagan deity. And that is where the real story of Christmas begins. Christmas is not a modern holiday. It also does not honor



Yahweh in any way. We, as true believers, only keep the holy days mentioned in the Bible. Christmas is not one of them. Neither is Easter, Valentines Day, and Halloween.

Mostly all of the customs of Christmas have pagan roots. This includes wreaths, trees, mistletoe, holly berries, and even gift-giving! Let us not get involved with pagan worship but instead, honor Yahweh!

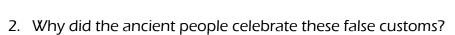
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What have you learned?

- 1. Who was the pagan deity normally associated with Christmas?
- A. Mithras
- B. Romulus
- C. Remus
- D. Diana



- A. Winter was a hard time for ancient people, and they hoped their customs would please their deity, so that he would bless them
- B. They wanted their deity to bring back spring
- C. They just wanted an excuse to party
- D. A. and B. are most accurate



- A. It is not found in the Bible
- B. It does not honor Yahweh
- C. It is not a modern idea
- D. All of the above are true



- 4. What other holidays do not honor Yahweh?
- A. Feast of Tabernacles
- B. Halloween
- C. Feast of Trumpets
- D. Day of Atonement
- 5. What customs were used in worshipping Mithras?
- A. Holly and mistletoe
- B. Wreaths and trees
- C. Gift-giving
- D. All of the above





YAHWEH'S AMAZING PENGUINS!

Yahweh's creation is so amazing. Here's some interesting facts about Penguins:

1. They're birds, but do not fly. 2. Their wings work as flippers to swim. Shockingly, they can swim 20 miles per hour. 3. The largest type of penguins are Emperor Penguins. They can be three and a half feet tall and weigh 75 pounds.

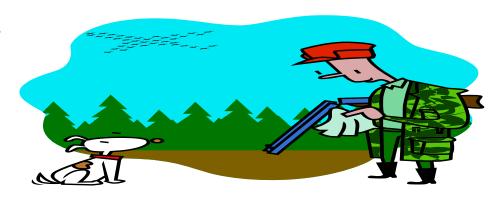
Use the following guide to color the penguin: 1. Dark Blue 2. Black 3. Gray 4. Orange



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Pets, not food!

Yahweh is very concerned with our health. He created both clean and unclean animals. We are only to eat the clean animals, such as cows, goats, chickens, and clean fish. Other animals might make really good pets, but they are not to be eaten. Find the following animals on the left that are not to be eaten.

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